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FOR A SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Date: June 27, 2008

Sir:

This is a Preliminary Amendment for the above-captioned patent application. Please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.